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For the
Year Ended 31st December, 1939.

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C O U N C I L.

The Annual Report of the Medical Officers of Health for the Year ended
December 31st 1939.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Nidderdale Rural District Council.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have pleasure in submitting for your
consideration our Annual Report for the year 1939.

The Ministry of Health have requested us to make an interim
report only, reserving statistics of Sanitary matters and housing until
a later date.

Your obedient Servants,

J.M. Benson.

W.J. Forbes.

Medical Officers of Health.

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NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT.

Public Health Officers of the Council.

Medical Officers of Health. (J.M. Benson, M.B., B.Ch., Edin.
(W.J. Forbes, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Sanitary Inspectors. (A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I.
(W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

Food Inspectors. (A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I.
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Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres) 75,004

Registrar-General's estimate of:-

(a) Resident population, (mid-1939)..... 11,210
(b) Average population appropriate to the

Calculation of death rates. 11,690

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1939)..... 3,698.

Rateable value £54,448

Sum represented by a penny rate £219. 14. Od.

Social Conditions. Farming is the chief

occupation of the inhabitants. Not much unemployment.

	Total.	M.	F.	
Live (Legitimate	188.	94.	94.)	Total 196.
Births (Illegitimate	8.	2.	6)	

Rate per 1,000 of estimated population 17.39

Still Births, 3 Male and 1 Female..... 4

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births..... 20

Deaths: Males 72; Females 57. Total 129

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average population 11

Death Rate from Puerperal Sepsis (No. 29) Nil

Death Rate from other Puerperal Causes (No.29)(1death)

Per 1,000 total (live and still) births. 5

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:

All Infants per 1,000 live births..... 10

Legitimate infants per 1,000, legitimate live births 10

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages). 20

Deaths from Measles (all ages). Nil

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) Nil

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) Nil

There was no unusual or excessive mortality during
the year requiring comment

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Western Division.

Water Supply.

Burton Leonard bore holes have an abundant supply of water. A new 12" bore has been sunk to accommodate a submersible pumping unit and to supplement the old bore hole type of pumps which are very primitive and costly to upkeep. The supply and plant to Burton Leonard is in very favourable circumstances but, however the Water contains excessive hardness.

In Hampsthwaite Parish several farms and one or two house properties are still using doubtful and unsatisfactory well supplies.

Routine bacteriological and chemical examination of water from public and private wells has been carried out.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Ferrensby is now sewered to a compressor Ejector plant, and from this the Sewage is lifted up into settling tanks and passed through an automatic Sprinkler Filter, then discharged onto two acres of land, the effluent therefrom delivering into the ditches.

Rivers and Streams.

No written complaint of pollution of rivers and streams has been received during the year, but verbal intimation has been received by the Rivers Board that sewage from Parishes reaching the streams and these will have to be considered and dealt with when circumstances permit.

Public Cleansing.

The following six Parishes are scavenged by the Council by direct labour:- Follifoot, Flaxby, Hampsthwaite, Killinghall, Pannal and Scriven. The smaller properties in the remaining Parishes which are not scavenged experience considerable difficulty in disposing of domestic refuse, especially in the way of tins, bottles, etc., and the Council should consider scavenging the whole of the District. Since the outbreak of War, salvaging has been organized of every Parish, and very satisfactory results have been produced, and by this organization, tins, etc., and scrap which has been lying about the area is satisfactorily being cleared up.



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The Council own two motor vehicles.

The refuse from the Western Division is disposed of by controlled tipping at How Quarry, Pannal.

Swimming Baths, Bathing Pools, etc.

The river Nidd winds its way through practically the heart of the Rural District Area, and is used in summer months by bathers. The river has a constant flow of fresh water and it has been deemed unnecessary to obtain samples.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

There are no camping grounds other than one or two odd cases of weekend camps.

Eastern Division.

Water Supply.

The provision of a water supply to the Parishes of Cattal, Hunsingore, Kirk Hammerton, Nun Monkton, Walshford and Whixley has now been completed, approximately 14 miles of 5 inch to 3 inch water main having been laid. The number of houses connected to the water main during the year = 171.

Drainage & Sewerage.

The Upper & Nether Poppleton Sewerage Scheme is now completed and working satisfactorily. Sewer Extensions have been made at Kirk Hammerton & Boroughbridge.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases.

There were 24 cases of Scarlet Fever, 2 of Diphtheria, 3 of Enteric Fever and 10 of Pneumonia. There were no deaths from Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Measles or Enteric Fever. There were two deaths from Pneumonia.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Nothing was done as regards Diphtheria Immunisation during the year.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Seven cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and two of Non-Pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during the year. There were no deaths from the former and one from the latter.

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Causes of death at all ages.

The Principal causes of death were:-

Heart Diseases 48, Cancer, 20. Violence, 10. and Pneumonia 2.

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October, 1940.

